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## **MALE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE KEY STATISTICS**

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The ManKind Initiative is a charity dedicated to helping male victims (and their children) of domestic abuse and domestic violence.

## **A. NUMBER OF MALE VICTIMS**

DEFINITION OF DOMESTIC ABUSE (HOME OFFICE):-

The British Crime Survey report: Home Office Statistical Bulletin – Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2007/08 (published 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009) is a comprehensive statistical survey of domestic abuse in England and Wales.

Chapter 3 (page 55) of <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs09/hosb0209.pdf>

Age of respondents - 16 to 59

Definition of Domestic Abuse: Any incident or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults who are or have been intimate partners or are family members, regardless of gender or sexual

Partner abuse (a subset of domestic abuse) is defined in this compendium as - (non-physical abuse, threats or force) - non-sexual (unless stated)

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### **1. HEADLINE STATISTICS**

(Tables 3.01 and 3.05 of the British Crime Survey report: Home Office Statistical Bulletin 02/09 – Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2007/08 (published 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009) is the latest statistical survey completed on domestic abuse in England and Wales)

Since the age of 16.

**(1) One in five (20%) men have experienced domestic abuse since the age of 16 and this equates to 3.2 million men**

Three in ten (30.2%) women have experienced domestic abuse since the age of 16 and this equates to 4.8 million women.

**(2) Men make up 40%\* (two in five) of the victims of domestic abuse**

\* See (1) - Ratio of 20% and 30.2%

**(3) 17.1% (1 in 6) of men have experienced domestic abuse by their partner (partner abuse) since the age of 16 and this equates to 2.7 million men.**

26.7% of women have experienced partner abuse since the age of 16 and this equates to 4.3 million women.

- (4) Two in five\* (39%) men have been a victim of domestic abuse by their partner (partner abuse) since the age of 16**

\* See (3) - ratio of 17.1% and 26.7%

- (5) 8.1% of men have been victims of 'severe force' by their partner since the age of 16**

12.9% of women have of men have been victims of 'severe force' by their partner since the age of 16

- (6) Two in five\* (39%) of victims of severe force by their partner have been men**

\*See (5) - ratio of 8.1% and 12.9%

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## 2007/08

- (1) 4.5% of men experienced domestic abuse in 2007/08 and this equates to 727,000 men.**

6% of women experienced domestic abuse in 2007/08 and this equates to 958,000 women

- (2) 4.1% of men women suffered domestic abuse by their partner (partner abuse) in 2007/08. This equates to 641,000 men.**

4.9% of women suffered domestic abuse by their partner in 2007/08. This equates to 770,000 women.

- (3) 1.4% of men were victims of severe force by their partner in 2007/08**

1.5% of women were victims of severe force by their partner in 2007/08

- (4) Nearly as many men\* as women (48% : 52%) had been victims of severe force perpetrated by their partner in 2007/08).**

\*Ratio of 1.4% and 1.5%

## **(2) MURDER RATES**

(Tables 1.05 of the British Crime Survey report: Home Office Statistical Bulletin 02/09 – Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2007/08 (published 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009) is the latest statistical survey completed on domestic abuse in England and Wales)

- (1) In 2007/08, 34 men were murdered by a partner/ex-partner compared to 72 women. The ratio is 32% : 68%.**
- (2) Two men every three weeks are murdered by their partner/ex-partner.**
- (3) The number of men murdered in 2007/08 by a partner/ex-partner was the second highest in 11 years. The number of women was the lowest in 11 years.**

Gender of victims murdered by partner/ex-partner

| Year  | 97/98 | 98/99 | 99/00 | 00/01 | 01/02 | 02/03 | 03/04 | 04/05 | 05/06 | 06/07 | 07/08 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Men   | 31    | 27    | 24    | 26    | 29    | 30    | 26    | 38    | 22    | 29    | 34    |
| Women | 100   | 76    | 88    | 101   | 117   | 106   | 96    | 105   | 89    | 87    | 72    |

## **(3) PARTNER ABUSE**

(Table 3.05 of the British Crime Survey report: Home Office Statistical Bulletin 02/09 – Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2007/08 (published 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009) is the latest statistical survey completed on domestic abuse in England and Wales)

Prevalence of Partner Abuse (non sexual) **since the age of 16** among adults aged 16 to 59, by sex, 2004/05 to 2007/08 BCS

| Year    | Men (%) | Women (%) |
|---------|---------|-----------|
| 2004/05 | 17.8    | 27.9      |
| 2005/06 | 17.5    | 28.1      |
| 2006/07 | 18.0    | 28.0      |
| 2007/08 | 17.1    | 26.7      |

(Table 3.06 of the British Crime Survey report: Home Office Statistical Bulletin 02/09 – Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2007/08 (published 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009) is the latest statistical survey completed on domestic abuse in England and Wales)

Prevalence of partner abuse (non-sexual) by **year** among adults aged 16 to 59, by sex, 2004/05 to 2007/08 BCS

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Men (%)</b> | <b>Women (%)</b> |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| 2004/05     | 4.1            | 5.6              |
| 2005/06     | 4.0            | 5.7              |
| 2006/07     | 4.3            | 5.6              |
| 2007/08     | 4.1            | 4.9              |

(Table 3.06 of the British Crime Survey report: Home Office Statistical Bulletin 02/09 – Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2007/08 (published 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009) is the latest statistical survey completed on domestic abuse in England and Wales)

Severe Force : Prevalence of partner abuse (non-sexual) by **year** among adults aged 16 to 59, by sex, 2004/05 to 2007/08 BCS

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Men (%)</b> | <b>Women (%)</b> |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| 2004/05     | 1.6            | 1.8              |
| 2005/06     | 1.3            | 1.8              |
| 2006/07     | 1.7            | 1.8              |
| 2007/08     | 1.4            | 1.5              |

#### **(4) PARTNER ABUSE BY TYPE OF ABUSE**

(Table 3.02 of the British Crime Survey report: Home Office Statistical Bulletin 02/09 – Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2007/08 (published 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009) is the latest statistical survey completed on domestic abuse in England and Wales)

There has been a closing of the gender gap between male and female victims, in terms of incidents perpetrated against them:-

Severe Force since age 16 is 39%:61% but in 2007/08 was 48%:52%

Kicked, hit or bit since age 16 was 43%:57% but in 2007/08 was 52%:48%.

What this suggests is that the gender gap is closing as women commit a higher proportion of partner abuse than before.

Detailed prevalence of partner abuse (non-sexual) among adults aged 16 to 59, by sex

| <b>Since the age of 16</b>                      |                |                  |              |
|---|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Type</b>                                     | <b>Men (%)</b> | <b>Women (%)</b> | <b>Ratio</b> |
| Non-physical<br>(emotional, financial)          | 11.2           | 18.8             | 37%:63%      |
| Prevented from fair share<br>of household money | 2.4            | 6.2              | 28%:72%      |
| Stopped from seeing<br>friends or relatives     | 7.8            | 10.2             | 43%:57%      |
| Repeatedly being belittled                      | 4.1            | 12.7             | 24%:76%      |
| Threats   | 1.3            | 10.1             | 11%:89%      |
| Force   | 10             | 17.9             | 36%:64%      |
| Minor   | 4.6            | 14.0             | 25%:75%      |
| Severe  | 8.1            | 12.9             | 39%:61%      |
| Kicked, bit, hit or object<br>thrown            | 6.9            | 9.3              | 43%:57%      |
| Choked or tried to<br>Strangle                  | 0.5            | 4.8              | 9%:91%       |
| Threatened with weapon                          | 1.5            | 2.7              | 36%:64%      |
| Threatened to kill                              | 0.6            | 3.4              | 15%:85%      |
| Used weapon                                     | 0.8            | 1.5              | 35%:65%      |
| Other force                                     | 1.6            | 5.0              | 24%:76%      |

Detailed prevalence of partner abuse (non-sexual) among adults aged 16 to 59, by sex

| <b>In the last year (2007/08)</b>               |                |                  |              |
|---|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Type</b>                                     | <b>Men (%)</b> | <b>Women (%)</b> | <b>Ratio</b> |
| Non-physical<br>(emotional, financial)          | 2.6            | 3.4              | 43%:57%      |
| Prevented from fair share<br>of household money | 0.5            | 0.9              | 36%:64%      |
| Stopped from seeing<br>friends or relatives     | 1.8            | 1.7              | 51%:49%      |
| Repeated belittledness                          | 0.8            | 2.0              | 29%:71%      |
| Threats   | 0.2            | 1.4              | 13%:87%      |
| Force   | 2.0            | 2.2              | 48%:52%      |
| Minor   | 1.0            | 1.6              | 38%:62%      |
| Severe  | 1.4            | 1.5              | 48%:52%      |
| Kicked, bit, hit or object<br>thrown            | 1.1            | 1.0              | 52%:48%      |
| Choked or tried to<br>Strangle                  | 0.1            | 0.5              | 17%:89%      |
| Threatened with weapon                          | 0.1            | 0.3              | 25%:75%      |
| Threatened to kill                              | 0.1            | 0.4              | 20%:80%      |
| Used weapon                                     | 0.1            | 0.1              | 50%:50%      |
| Other force                                     | 0.2            | 0.5              | 29%:71%      |

### **(5) PARTNER ABUSE (including sexual assault)**

(Table 3.09 of the British Crime Survey report: Home Office Statistical Bulletin 02/09 – Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2007/08 (published 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009) is the latest statistical survey completed on domestic abuse in England and Wales)

### **(1) 28% of victims abused by their partner six or more times are men**

Number of times victims of partner abuse had been abused by partner(s) in 2007/08, by sex

| <b>Year</b>                       | <b>Men (%)</b> | <b>Women (%)</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Once                              | 32             | 24               |
| More than Once                    | 32             | 45               |
| Twice                             | 11             | 10               |
| Three to five times               | 10             | 16               |
| Between six and 20 times          | 8              | 11               |
| Between 21 and 49 times           | 1              | 3                |
| More than 50/too many to<br>count | 2              | 5                |
| No response                       | 37             | 32               |

## **(6) PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF VICTIMS**

(Table 3.15 of the British Crime Survey report: Home Office Statistical Bulletin 02/09 – Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2007/08 (published 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009) is the latest statistical survey completed on domestic abuse in England and Wales)

**(1) Male victims of partner abuse are more likely to be aged between 20 – 34 than 35-59.**

**(2) Domestic Abuse is more common in separated, divorce or co-habiting situations than in married relationships.**

**Percentage of adults aged from 16 to 59 victims of intimate violence by type in last year, by personal characteristics, by sex**

| Percentages                             | Any domestic abuse |       | Partner abuse (non-sexual) |       |
|---|--------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Men                | Women | Men                        | Women |
| <b>Age group</b>                        |                    |       |                            |       |
| 16-19                                   | 5.9                | 10.9  | 5.5                        | 7.8   |
| 20-24                                   | 7.7                | 6.8   | 6.4                        | 5.4   |
| 25-34                                   | 5.7                | 6.4   | 5.5                        | 5.8   |
| 35-44                                   | 4.1                | 6.6   | 3.8                        | 5.4   |
| 45-54                                   | 3.1                | 3.9   | 2.8                        | 2.9   |
| 55-59                                   | 1.3                | 2.1   | 0.9                        | 2.0   |
| <b>Ethnic group</b>                     |                    |       |                            |       |
| White                                   | 4.6                | 6.0   | 4.2                        | 4.9   |
| Non-White                               | 4.4                | 5.3   | 3.8                        | 4.8   |
| <b>Marital status</b>                   |                    |       |                            |       |
| Married                                 | 2.5                | 3.1   | 2.3                        | 2.2   |
| Cohabiting                              | 6.2                | 4.6   | 5.8                        | 4.1   |
| Single                                  | 6.4                | 9.7   | 5.7                        | 7.6   |
| Separated                               | 9.7                | 18.0  | 8.4                        | 18.8  |
| Divorced                                | 7.3                | 11.0  | 7.0                        | 9.5   |
| Widowed                                 | 2.1                | 3.7   | 2.1                        | 3.1   |
| <b>Respondent's employment status</b>   |                    |       |                            |       |
| Employed                                | 4.4                | 5.0   | 4.1                        | 4.1   |
| Unemployed                              | 4.1                | 9.0   | 6.2                        | 7.3   |
| Inactive                                | 5.5                | 6.4   | 4.0                        | 6.8   |
| <i>Student</i> <sup>2</sup>             | 5.7                | 10.7  | 3.3                        | 7.7   |
| <i>Looking after family/home</i>        | 3.8                | 6.2   | 3.7                        | 7.3   |
| <i>Long-term/temporarily sick/ill</i>   | 6.7                | 9.9   | 6.4                        | 6.0   |
| <i>Retired</i>                          | 0.3                | 0.6   | 0.3                        | 0.4   |
| <i>Other inactive</i>                   | 8.2                | 5.4   | 6.4                        | 3.2   |
| <b>Respondent's occupation</b>          |                    |       |                            |       |
| Managerial and professional occupations | 3.9                | 4.4   | 3.5                        | 3.6   |
| Intermediate occupations                | 3.9                | 5.2   | 3.6                        | 4.1   |
| Routine and manual occupations          | 5.5                | 7.1   | 5.2                        | 6.2   |
| Never worked and long-term unemployed   | 1.7                | 7.2   | 7.4                        | 6.5   |
| Full-time students <sup>2</sup>         | 5.3                | 9.2   | 3.8                        | 6.3   |
| <b>Highest qualification</b>            |                    |       |                            |       |
| Degree or diploma                       | 4.1                | 4.7   | 3.6                        | 3.9   |
| Apprenticeship or A/AS level            | 4.6                | 6.3   | 3.9                        | 5.1   |
| O level/GCSE                            | 5.0                | 7.4   | 4.3                        | 5.7   |
| Other                                   | 5.5                | 4.6   | 4.7                        | 4.2   |
| No qualifications                       | 5.0                | 6.2   | 6.1                        | 5.6   |

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## **(7) VICTIMS BY HOUSEHOLD AND AREA CHARACTERISTICS**

(Table 3.16 of the British Crime Survey report: Home Office Statistical Bulletin 02/09 – Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2007/08 (published 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009) is the latest statistical survey completed on domestic abuse in England and Wales)

- (1) Partner abuse is more likely to take place on single adults with children.**
- (2) The lower the household income, the more likely there will be partner abuse**
- (3) Partner Abuse is more likely to take place if the household is in rented accommodation**
- (4) The area with the highest rate of domestic abuse is in the Midlands.**

**Percentage of adults aged from 16 to 59 victims of intimate violence by type in last year, by household and area characteristics, by sex**

|   | Any domestic abuse |       | Partner abuse<br>(non-sexual) |       |
|---|--------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Men                | Women | Men                           | Women |
| <b>Household type</b>                                 |                    |       |                               |       |
| No children   | 4.6                | 4.8   | 4.2                           | 3.9   |
| Adults and child(ren)                                 | 4.2                | 5.8   | 3.9                           | 4.2   |
| Single adult and child(ren)                           | 15.7               | 17.7  | 14.6                          | 17.6  |
| <b>Household income</b>                               |                    |       |                               |       |
| Less than £10,000                                     | 7.5                | 13.2  | 6.8                           | 12.3  |
| £10,000 less than £20,000                             | 4.8                | 7.9   | 4.1                           | 7.2   |
| £20,000 less than £30,000                             | 5.3                | 6.0   | 4.9                           | 4.2   |
| £30,000 less than £40,000                             | 4.6                | 4.7   | 4.6                           | 3.1   |
| £40,000 less than £50,000                             | 4.1                | 2.9   | 3.5                           | 2.7   |
| £50,000 or more                                       | 3.7                | 3.8   | 3.2                           | 2.6   |
| <b>Tenure</b>   |                    |       |                               |       |
| Owner occupiers                                       | 3.7                | 4.4   | 3.3                           | 3.2   |
| Social renters  | 6.3                | 10.7  | 6.4                           | 10.0  |
| Private renters                                       | 6.6                | 8.7   | 5.9                           | 7.5   |
| <b>ACORN category</b>                                 |                    |       |                               |       |
| Wealthy Achievers                                     | 3.4                | 4.2   | 2.9                           | 3.1   |
| Urban Prosperity                                      | 4.8                | 5.2   | 4.1                           | 4.6   |
| Comfortably Off                                       | 4.6                | 5.5   | 4.3                           | 4.2   |
| Moderate Means  | 4.1                | 7.9   | 3.8                           | 6.3   |
| Hard Pressed  | 6.3                | 8.2   | 6.0                           | 7.3   |
| <b>Area type</b>                                      |                    |       |                               |       |
| Urban   | 4.7                | 6.2   | 4.3                           | 5.1   |
| Rural   | 3.8                | 5.1   | 3.4                           | 4.0   |
| <b>Level of physical disorder (interviewer-rated)</b> |                    |       |                               |       |
| Not high  | 4.4                | 5.8   | 4.0                           | 4.7   |
| High  | 7.2                | 10.1  | 6.9                           | 8.1   |
| <b>Region and Wales</b>                               |                    |       |                               |       |
| North East  | 5.2                | 6.6   | 3.9                           | 5.8   |
| North West  | 3.9                | 6.1   | 3.5                           | 4.8   |
| Yorkshire and the Humber                              | 4.3                | 6.1   | 4.2                           | 5.0   |
| East Midlands   | 6.4                | 6.3   | 5.8                           | 5.8   |
| West Midlands   | 6.1                | 6.7   | 5.4                           | 4.9   |
| East of England                                       | 4.3                | 5.1   | 4.0                           | 4.0   |
| London  | 3.9                | 4.7   | 3.9                           | 4.8   |
| South East  | 3.9                | 6.5   | 4.0                           | 4.6   |
| South West  | 4.2                | 6.6   | 3.6                           | 5.1   |
| Wales   | 4.2                | 5.4   | 3.1                           | 4.7   |

## **(B) POLICE / PROSECUTION FIGURES AND THE JUSTICE GAP**

### **(1) CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE**

The Crown Prosecution Service's Report – (Violence Against Women\* 07/08 Crime Report) shows that of the 63,819 in 2007/08 completed prosecutions for domestic violence:-

*\*please note the title of the report*

#### **(1) Women accounted for 5.9% of those prosecuted for domestic violence in 2007/08**

Completed prosecutions by gender of defendant

|         | 2005-06 |       | 2006-07 |       | 2007-08 |       |
|---------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
|         | Volume  | %     | Volume  | %     | Volume  | %     |
| Women   | 2,579   | 5.2%  | 2,956   | 5.2%  | 3,770   | 5.9%  |
| Men     | 47,198  | 94.8% | 54,396  | 94.8% | 60,037  | 94.1% |
| Unknown | 5       | 0.0%  | 9       | 0.0%  | 12      | 0.0%  |
| Total   | 49,782  |       | 57,361  |       | 63,819  |       |

- (2) **6.3% of victims are men (where gender is known), an increase from 5.3% in 2006/07**

Gender of Victims

|         | 2006-07 |       | 2007-08 |       |
|---------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
|         | Volume  | %     | Volume  | %     |
| Women   | 7,477   | 29.3% | 18,461  | 37.5% |
| Men     | 1,341   | 5.3%  | 3,078   | 6.3%  |
| Unknown | 16,693  | 65.4% | 27,695  | 56.3% |
| Total   | 25,511  |       | 49,234  |       |

CPS Report - (Violence Against Women\* 07/08 Crime Report)  
[http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/docs/CPS\\_VAW\\_report\\_2008.pdf](http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/docs/CPS_VAW_report_2008.pdf)

**(2) POLICE RECORDED CRIME**

The Home Office Statistical Bulletin 07/08 :Crime in England and Wales 2007/08 (published July 2008 - page 72 and Table 3.03) states that:-

- (1) **85% of domestic violence incidents are against women and 15% against men.**
- (2) **52,000 of recorded incidents were against men and 288,000 against women.**

**Number of domestic violent incidents against men and women reported (000's)**

|          | Men | Women | All |
|----------|-----|-------|-----|
| Domestic | 52  | 288   | 342 |

The Home Office Statistical Bulletin 07/08:Crime in England and Wales 2007/08  
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs08/hosb0708.pdf>

**WARNING NOTE** – When challenged on the facts highlighted earlier that 40% of victims of domestic abuse are men (see section A), the UK Government has often countered by using these figures. As these take into account police reporting, and one of the main issues affecting men is the fact they considerably under-report offences against them to the police (or are not believed when they do). The detailed Home Office survey (see section A) on intimate violence are more realistic.

**DO NOT ACCEPT THE GOVERNMENT FIGURES STATING THAT MEN ONLY MAKE UP 15% OF VICTIMS WHICH IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF REPORTED INCIDENTS**

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### **(3) THE JUSTICE GAP**

Whilst 40% of men have suffered domestic abuse in their lifetime and 39% have suffered partner abuse (see section A), only 5.9% of women are prosecuted annually for domestic violence. Even recorded crime statistics show men constitute 15% of victims.

Whatever the statistics used, there is clear evidence of a justice gap.

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### **(C) FORCED MARRIAGE**

#### **(1) 15% of forced marriage victims are men**

Source (<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7223743.stm>).

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### **(D) REFUGES AND SUPPORT FOR MALE VICTIMS**

The ManKind Initiative believes that services for male victims are 35 years behind those for women.

#### **(1) REFUGES**

- (1) There are only a few organisations in England and Wales (none in Scotland or Northern Ireland) which provide refuge space for men (45 refuges\* with c150 spaces\*) to men.**

\* These figures are heavily skewed because of the development in Northamptonshire of a network of 35 refuges with 100 spaces. If these were stripped out, the figure would be 10 refuges with 50 spaces.

In contrast, there are an estimated 470 refuges (with 7,500 spaces) in the UK that offer dedicated space to women

The lack of refuge/housing support has been because of gender biased funding policies by the UK Government.

(Source Men : The ManKind Initiative Women : Women's Aid/Refuge)

## **(2) Supporting People Programme**

The Home Office has provided local authorities with £60 million per year since 2003 (£64.5 million in 2007/08) in financial support under the Supporting People housing initiative for Women at Risk of Domestic Violence. This funding is not available to support men and local authorities could not bid for money from this fund to support men at risk of domestic violence. **Men at risk of domestic violence are not officially recognised by the UK Government**

In addition, as part of the Best Value regime, local authorities were measured through Best Value performance indicator 225\* on their provision of refuges and sanctuary schemes for domestic violence victims. However, this indicator only measured support for women and children. **There was no measure for supporting male victims.** The measure was eventually dropped.

\*(definition of places (2) and sanctuary schemes (7))

**(Note -** In 2009/10 the Supporting People programme grant will be paid as an un-ring fenced named grant and from 2010/11 will be paid as part of the Area Based Grant. Effectively Supporting People will finish on 2010/11.)

## **(3) Housing Corporation**

The Housing Corporation is responsible for 2,000 housing associations across the UK (now called Tenant Services Authority)

It has an Affordable Housing Programme to support vulnerable groups. One of the groups which the Corporation considers falling under the heading Vulnerable People may include (but is not limited to) - Women at risk of domestic violence.

Refuge (one of the national charities supporting female victims) stated that, together with the Housing Corporation, £34 million was provided between 2003/06 under the Women Fleeing Domestic Violence programme to build and refurbish 511 units. Since then in the Housing Corporation's Affordable Housing Programme for 2006/08 over £17 million was allocated for accommodation for women at risk of domestic violence. This funding will provide 153 units of housing.

There was nothing specifically for men, although some housing associations do provide refuges.

#### **(4) Refuges Online**

The UK Government also funds UK Refuges Online which is a service provided by Women's Aid. As it states on the web-site [http://www.womensaid.org.uk/landing\\_page.asp?section=0001000100060009](http://www.womensaid.org.uk/landing_page.asp?section=0001000100060009)

"UK-wide online information system which contains information about domestic violence/abuse services available for women and children and refuge vacancies."

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## **(2) CHARITIES**

### **(1) There are five small charities providing help-line and information support for male victims in the UK:-**

#### **The ManKind Initiative**

The Dyn Project (*Wales*)

Mens Aid

Male Advice Line (*part of Respect a charity that campaigns against male perpetrators!*)

Broken Rainbow (*LGBT charity*)

For women, there are two major charities – Refuge and Women’s Aid (receiving millions of pounds in state funding) - nearly 400 specialist domestic violence organisations providing refuge accommodation for women in the UK.

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### **(3) INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS**

One of the seven challenges that male victims face is that there are hardly any information/marketing campaigns aimed at them.

The UK Government has never run an information/marketing campaign to support male victims

The UK Government’s domestic abuse policy comes under the remit of ‘Violence Against Women’ – it has no policy for ‘Violence Against Men’

The Crown Prosecution Service has only run information campaigns aimed at female victims

The police and local authorities run only campaigns aimed at female victims, except (as known)

- Surrey Police
  - Leicestershire/Leicester Councils
  - Barking and Dagenham Council
  - Oxfordshire County Council
  - Warwickshire County Council
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### **(E) HELP-LINE STATISTICS**

#### **Analysis of callers to the ManKind Initiative’s Helpline**

| <b>General Characteristics</b>           |  |
|--|--|
| Average age of male victim               | 41   |
| Average age of female perpetrator        | 39   |
| Average height and weight of male victim | 5ft 9 inches and 12st 1lb<br>5ft 4 inches and 10st 5lb |

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| Average height and weight of female victim                                       |           |
| Occupation   |           |
| Professional   | 50%       |
| Skilled  | 29%       |
| Semi-skilled   | 9%        |
| Unskilled  | 12%       |
| <b>Abuse</b>   |           |
| Length of Abuse  | 6.5 years |
| Frequency of abuse   |           |
| Infrequent – 2/3 times a year  | 15%       |
| Frequent – monthly   | 21%       |
| Regularly – weekly   | 32%       |
| Chronic - daily  | 32%       |
| <b>Type of Abuse – Physical (top three)</b>                                      |           |
| Punching   | 79%       |
| Slapping   | 68%       |
| Hit with instrument  | 56%       |
| <b>Type of Abuse – Mental (top three)</b>  |           |
| Screaming and shouting   | 94%       |
| Verbal denigration   | 94%       |
| Controlling  | 85%       |
| <b>Victims with Children</b>   |           |
| Did the children:-   |           |
| Witness the physical abuse?  | 44%       |
| Witness the mental abuse?  | 53%       |
| Hear the abuse?  | 61%       |
|  | 52%       |
| Did your partner threaten to remove the children                                 | 39%       |
| Did your partner encourage the children to:-                                     |           |
| Ignore/undermine you   | 30%       |
| Assault You  | 10%       |
| <b>Help Available</b>  |           |
| Of those who sought local services for men – were they?                          |           |
| Good   | 5%        |
| Poor   | 43%       |
| Non-existent   | 52%       |
| <b>Did You Seek Help From The Police – How Did They Help (Yes Answers Only)?</b> |           |
| Arrested you   | 26%       |

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|---|-----|
| Asked you To Leave  | 39% |
| Sympathetic – no help offered   | 39% |
| Sympathetic – help offered  | 61% |
| <b>Did You Seek Help From Social Services – How Did They Help<br/>(Yes Answers Only)?</b>             |     |
| Sided with partner  | 43% |
| Ignored the problem   | 48% |
| Helpful   | 20% |
| <b>Did You Seek Help From Your local housing department<br/>How Did They Help (Yes Answers Only)?</b> |     |
| Helpful   | 29% |
| Unhelpful   | 69% |

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